



THE WEEKLY REVIEW

Congressman Joe Wilson
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Wilson Introduces Bill to Expand Teacher Loan Forgiveness

Wed. Jan 29, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Wilson introduced the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act of 2003, H.R. 438, legislation that dramatically expands the federal student loan forgiveness for Americans who teach math, science, or special education for five years in disadvantaged public schools.

“As President Bush and Mrs. Bush have said, we’re asking a lot of our teachers, and they deserve our full support. Joe Wilson’s bill will help to give thousands of disadvantaged children the chance to learn from a highly qualified teacher, and it will be a priority for our committee this year,” said Education & Workforce Chairman John Boehner (R-OH), an original co-sponsor of H.R. 438.



President Bush Delivers State of The Union

Tue. Jan 28, Washington, D. C. - “Tonight, President Bush has confirmed to the nation and the world, that America is united and determined to take on any challenges that face us both at home and abroad.” said Rep. Wilson.



Wilson Presents Veterans D-Day Award

Sun. Jan 26, Columbia, S.C. – Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., awarded the French Jubilee of Liberty Commemorative Medal to 111 veterans of D-Day and the Normandy Campaign.

“I am so proud of all these heroes of ‘the greatest generation’,” Wilson said. “These brave men and women helped liberate Europe and made possible the freedoms that we enjoy today. This award and recognition is long overdue and I am truly honored to be able to present this special medal.”

Upcoming Events

- Mon 2/12 - Speaking at Chapin Rotary
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Wilson Elected Co-Chairman of Congressional India Caucus

Wed. Jan 8, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Wilson was unanimously elected Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on India and India Americans.

The India Caucus was first formed in 1993, and consisted of only eight members. Today, the Caucus has more than 135 House Members and is one of the largest Caucuses on Capitol Hill.

“I am honored that my Republican colleagues have elected me to this position for the 108th Congress,” said Rep. Wilson. “I look forward to working with Co-Chairman Joseph Crowley in bipartisan efforts to reach out to the Indian American community,” he added.

India is the world’s largest democracy and is rapidly becoming a reliable American ally in South Asia. “As a Colonel in the Army National Guard and member of the House Armed Services Committee, I want to see the U.S. develop a deeper military relationship with the people of India, as they are a crucial ally in the War on Terrorism,” Rep. Wilson commented.

Wilson Reintroduces National Guard and Reserve Retirement Bill

Wed. Jan 8, Washington, D.C. – Rep. Wilson reintroduced *The Armed Forces Retirement Equity Act*, which allows members of the National Guard and Reserve to draw an immediate annuity at the time of retirement.

“Today in the National Guard and Reserves, it is not *if* you will be called to active duty, but *when* you will be called to active duty,” said Rep. Wilson. “When the horrific events of September 11th transpired, National Guard and reserve members did not wait for the call to action, they responded immediately, as they have done countless times over their history.”

“With the increased dependence on these men and women in the War on Terrorism and defending the homeland, it only makes sense to give them equal treatment with their active counterparts when it comes to retirement,” Wilson added.

“Currently a drilling Colonel in the Army National Guard with over 29 years of military service, and with three sons in the military, I have seen firsthand the exceptional dedication of these men and women in uniform. It is time we give them the retirement benefits they deserve. However, to avoid conflict of interests, if the bill is enacted, I will exempt myself from retirement benefits until age 60,” said Rep. Wilson.



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